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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: TRAINING FOR IRAQI FLIGHT DISPATCHERS

REF: ZURICH 0636

1. WHILE BOEING PERSONNEL IN BAGHDAD HAVE TOLD US THAT IRAQI AIRLINE OFFICIALS ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF FLYING THEIR NEW 747'S TO NEW YORK, WE HAVE NOT BEEN APPROACHED DIRECTLY ON THIS SUBJECT BY IRAQI GOVERNMENT.

2. PAMAM HAS LANDING RIGHTS IN BAGHDAD WHICH ARE NOT CURRENTLY BEING USED APPARENTLY FOR ECONOMIC REASONS.

3. UNLESS THERE IS REASONABLE POSSIBILITY THAT USG WOULD APPROVE LANDING RIGHTS FOR ITAQI AIRLINES IN NEW YORK, BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT TO LEAD IRAQIS TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH RIGHTS MIGHT BE GRANTED. IF WE APPROVE TRAINING FOR IRAQI DISPATCHERS IN NEW YORK, IRAQIS MAY JUMP TO THIS CONCLUSION.

4. UNLESS GOI HAS MADE APPROACH ON THIS SUBJECT, OF WHICH WE ARE UNAWARE, I RECOMMEND THAT WE ADVISE SWISS AIR THAT GOI HAS NOT BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF NEW YORK LANDING RIGHTS WITH USG AND WE THEREFORE SEE NO POINT IN GIVING IRAQI DISPATCHERS TRAINING IN NEW YORK. WE SUGGEST THAT IRAQIS BE TRAINED IN AREAS WHERE LANDING RIGHTS HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY SECURED. IF THERE IS REASON-ABLE POSSIBILITY THAT RIGHTS WOULD BE GRANTED, I RECOMMEND
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